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1. Upon order of the SMA, large stores of foods, textiles, shoes, and household articles are being accumulated in the Russian zone. Before the beginning of the current quarter, all industrial products collected as reparations or for Russian export purposes were shipped from the factories as quickly as possible. Now, however, factories have received instructions to form stockpiles of the items mentioned above. The Brandenburg textile industry, for example, is to store up to fifty per cent of its finished products, to be put at the disposal of the state government.
2. [redacted] these measures are part of a Russian plan to create a sudden improvement in the supply situation in the Russian zone in the event that the London conference should fail. Foreign credits thus lost to Russia are to be replaced by increased exports of lignite [redacted] Russian requirements for the wood industry and orders placed by the Soviet army remain unaffected by this provisional release of industrial products for German consumption.

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